Course number / section	**[KOR 4699 Independent Study: Jeju Dialect]**
Credits	**[1 credit]**
Meeting times	**Once every two weeks on Thursdays 8:30-9:30 am**
Format	**Zoom conference: https://gatech.zoom.us/j/7818684298**
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Term dates	**August 24 – December 7, 2026**

Purpose

The purpose of this independent study is to develop a basic understanding of the **Jeju dialect (Jeju-eo)** through linguistic research, data collection, and analysis. Over the 15-week semester, you will investigate selected features of the dialect and compare them with Standard Korean.

You should approach this as a **small-scale linguistic research project**, rather than simply reading about Jeju dialect.

Your Responsibilities

Throughout the semester, you will:

1. Read introductory materials on Jeju-eo and Korean dialectology.
2. Identify **one or more linguistic features that you would like to investigate**.
3. Collect and organize authentic Jeju dialect data.

4. Compare the Jeju data with Standard Korean.
5. Analyze patterns in pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, or meaning.
6. Meet with me at least once per two weeks to discuss your progress.
7. Prepare a brief research paper and presentation.

Suggested 15-Week Schedule

Weeks 1–2: Introduction

- Learn about the history and sociolinguistic background of Jeju-eo.
- Learn about the major differences between Jeju-eo and Standard Korean.
- Find and read 2–3 introductory sources.
- Meet with me to discuss possible research topics.

Deliverable: A one-page research proposal with your preliminary research question.

Weeks 3–4: Background Research

- Read additional scholarly sources.
- Identify previous research on your topic.
- Begin creating a bibliography.
- Narrow your research question.

Deliverable: Annotated bibliography of at least 5 sources.

Weeks 5–7: Data Collection

Collect examples of Jeju dialect from appropriate sources, such as:

- Published linguistic research
- Jeju dialect dictionaries
- Recorded conversations or interviews
- Publicly available videos or audio recordings
- Other materials approved by me

Organize your data in a spreadsheet or database.

Deliverable: An initial dataset with at least 30–50 examples.

Weeks 8–9: Data Analysis

Analyze your data and look for patterns.

Depending on your topic, you might investigate:

- Vocabulary
- Pronunciation/phonology
- Verb or adjective endings
- Particles
- Honorific expressions
- Sentence structure
- Tense/aspect
- Negation
- Semantic differences
- Differences between Jeju-eo and Standard Korean

Deliverable: Preliminary analysis and discussion of your findings.

Weeks 10–11: Comparative Analysis

Compare your Jeju data with Standard Korean.

Ask questions such as:

- What is different?
- What is similar?
- What linguistic function does the difference serve?
- Is the difference systematic?
- Are there multiple forms?
- Does the form vary according to context or speaker?

Deliverable: A detailed outline of your final paper.

Weeks 12–13: Writing

Write a first draft of your research paper.

The paper should include:

1. Introduction
2. Research question
3. Background/literature review
4. Data and methodology
5. Analysis
6. Discussion
7. Conclusion
8. References

Deliverable: First draft.

Week 14: Revision and Presentation Preparation

- Revise your paper based on my feedback.
- Prepare a 10–15 minute presentation.
- Select representative examples from your data.
- Clearly explain what you discovered.

Deliverable: Final presentation slides and revised paper.

Week 15: Final Presentation and Submission

Give your final presentation and submit your final research paper.

Meetings

We will meet approximately **once every 2 weeks** to discuss your progress.

Before each meeting, you should send me:

- What you have completed
- What you are currently working on

- Any problems or questions you have
- What you plan to accomplish before our next meeting

You are responsible for making steady progress throughout the semester rather than waiting until the end of the semester to complete the project.

Final Products

At the end of the semester, you will submit:

- **Final research paper:** approximately 10–15 pages
- **Research presentation:** 10–15 minutes
- **Dataset:** organized collection of the Jeju dialect examples used in your analysis
- **Bibliography:** scholarly sources used in the project

Important

Because this is an independent study, you should take the initiative in finding materials, developing your research question, collecting data, and analyzing the data. I will provide guidance and feedback, but you are responsible for managing the project and meeting the weekly goals.

Your research question does not need to be finalized immediately. We will refine it during the first few weeks of the semester.